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By email

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Dear Emma and Darren,

Census 2031

Thank you for your letter of 28 October highlighting the recent consultations launched by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and the Government Statistical Service (GSS).

The Committee considered the issues you raised at its meeting on 5 November.

In relation to the ONS's Census 2031 topic consultation, we believe it is important that the Census provides for the accurate collection of data for Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) to ensure that a detailed picture of each area's socio-economic circumstances is provided.

I also note your invitation to meet with ONS statisticians in the UK Parliament on Tuesday 4 November to discuss these consultations in more detail. As this fell on a Senedd business day, neither I nor other members of the Committee were able to attend. However, we would welcome the opportunity to engage with you should you wish to hold a similar event at the Senedd in the future.

As these span the remits of several Senedd Committees, I have copied this response to the Senedd Chairs' Forum so that other Chairs are aware.

Yours sincerely,



Peredur Owen Griffiths MS, Chair of the Finance Committee

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